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What is claimed is:

1. A method for preserving hyperlinks, comprising:
registering a hyperlink stored on a first computer with a second computer hosting a data file associated with said hyperlink; and
notifying said first computer of a change in said data file associated with said hyperlink.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein registering a hyperlink stored on a first computer comprises:
identifying said data file associated with said hyperlink; and
identifying an e-mail address for notifying via e-mail changes to said data file.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising saving said data file identification in a user database.
4. The method of claim 2, further comprising saving said e-mail address identification in a user database.
5. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
saving said data file identification in a user database accessible to said second computer;
saving said e-mail address identification in a user database accessible to said second computer; and
creating a relationship between said saved data file identification and said saved e-mail address identification for facilitating said notifying of said first computer of a change in said data file.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein notifying said first computer of a change in said data file associated with said hyperlink comprises e-mailing a notification of said data file change to said first computer.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein notifying said first computer of a change in said data file associated with said hyperlink comprises notifying an individual in charge of maintaining said hyperlink of said change in said data file.

8. A method for preserving Internet or intranet communications, comprising: storing a hyperlink for linking to at least one data file stored on a host computer; registering said hyperlink with said host computer; and notifying a party responsible for maintenance of said hyperlink of any changes in said at least one data file that affect the integrity of said hyperlink.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising, storing a set of registration data in a user database.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein storing a set of registration data in a user database comprises storing a set of registration data in a user database accessible to said host computer.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein storing a set of registration data in a user database comprises storing a set of registration data selected from the group consisting of uniform resource locators, e-mail addresses, hyperlinks, and data file names.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein said storing a hyperlink comprises, storing a hyperlink on a first computer.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein registering said hyperlink with said host computer comprises initiating said registration by said host computer.

14. The method of claim 8, wherein registering said hyperlink with said host computer comprises:
retrieving a uniform resource locator associated with a computer storing said hyperlink;
identifying a file name of said at least one data file stored on said host computer
associated with said hyperlink; and
storing said uniform resource locator and said identified file name in a user database.

15. The method of claim 8, wherein said notifying a party responsible for maintenance of said hyperlink of any changes in said at least one data file that affect the integrity of said hyperlink comprises e-mailing a notification to said party responsible for maintenance of said hyperlink.

16. A registration and notification system for preserving the integrity of hyperlinks, comprising:
a host server;
at least one data file accessible to said host server;
at least one remote server;
at least one hyperlink stored on said at least one remote server, said at least one hyperlink associated with said at least one data file; and
a user database stored on said host server for identifying said at least one hyperlink associated with said at least one data file.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein said host server comprises:
at least one central processing unit;
at least one input device;
at least one output device;
at least one communications port;
at least one storage media for storing data; and
a URL address associated with said host server.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein said user database stored on said host server is stored on said at least one storage media.

19. The system of claim 16, wherein said remote server comprises:

- at least one central processing unit;
- at least one input device;
- at least one output device;
- at least one communications port;
- at least one storage media for storing data; and
- a URL address associated with said host server.

20. The system of claim 16, wherein said user database stored on said host server comprises data selected from the group consisting of uniform resource locators, e-mail addresses, hyperlinks, and data file names.